



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Soybean Harvest Begins

Last week was primarily dry, allowing farmers 6.0 **days suitable for fieldwork** to begin harvesting soybeans and planting small grains. Although the dry conditions were predominant, many counties did receive some rain showers on Monday and Saturday last week. Areas on the Eastern Shore received the most precipitation, measuring .7 inches for the week in Caroline, Dorchester, and Wicomico counties. Western Maryland received less precipitation with Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll counties receiving no rain. The northern counties have been experiencing dry weather conditions recently, and pastures are now getting short due to the lack of moisture.

**Soybean** harvest is underway with 14 percent of the crop harvested, 9 percent ahead of last year, and 6 percent ahead of the five year average. **Corn** harvested **for grain** is currently 47 percent complete, progressing 13 percent more than the previous week, 12 percent ahead of last year, and 4 percent ahead of the five year average. **Corn for silage** is 88 percent harvested, progressing 3 percent more than the previous week, 3 percent ahead of last year, and 1 percent ahead of the five year average.

Topsoil and Subsoil moisture levels were maintained last week. **Topsoil moisture** is rated 1 percent surplus, 74 percent adequate, 24 percent short, and 1 percent very short. **Subsoil moisture** is 67 percent adequate, 29 percent short, and 4 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	59	40	63	60
Corn, for grain	47	34	35	43
Corn, for silage	88	85	85	87
Sorghum	42	23	29	22
Soybeans	14	3	5	8
Crop Progress:				
Corn, mature	98	91	95	93
Sorghum, mature	85	70	49	61
Soybeans, turning color	83	55	77	76
Soybeans, dropping leaves	56	27	47	51
Small Grain Seeding:				
Barley	37	3	30	6
Winter Wheat	9	1	8	10
Rye	26	10	19	20
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	82	51	67	70
Alfalfa, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	83	79	79	77
Alfalfa, 5 <sup>th</sup> cutting	55	22	19	17

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	9	25	44	19
Soybeans	1	8	20	54	17
Barley	0	2	15	71	12
Winter Wheat	0	0	3	97	0
Rye	0	1	15	73	11
Pasture	2	15	43	30	10

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